



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending May 14, 2005, growers placed 11.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 million) increased 3.1% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.3 million, an increase of 2.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending May 07, 2005 compared to 11.1 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/19/2005	13,774	14,322	11,393	11,654	11,395	11,654
03/26/2005	13,931	13,927	11,328	11,725	11,628	11,725
04/02/2005	13,856	13,746	11,217	11,688	11,428	11,688
04/09/2005	13,925	14,281	11,175	11,857	11,175	11,857
04/16/2005	13,705	14,143	11,362	11,488	11,362	11,608
04/23/2005	13,963	14,290	11,357	11,430	11,357	11,430
04/30/2005	13,837	13,932	11,362	11,772	11,362	11,957
05/07/2005	13,866	14,131	11,229	11,776	11,229	11,776
05/14/2005	13,981	14,347	11,535	11,889	11,685	11,889

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 05/21/2005	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	71.38	71.46	71.48	78.10
12-City Composite 2/	72.14	72.65	73.22	78.12

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.